



## State of Maryland

### Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene/Planning Council

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## MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HYGIENE/ PL 102-321 PLANNING COUNCIL

### Minutes

**February 21, 2012**

**Maryland Advisory Council Members:** M. Sue Diehl, Chair; Mike Finkle, Charles Reifsnider, Anita Solomon

**Maryland Advisory Council Members Absent:** Richard Blair, Jaimi L. Brown, Michele Forzley, Joshana Goga, Edwin C. Oliver, Livia Pazourek, Robert M. Pender, Vice-Chair; John Scharf, Anthony Swetz, Jr., Robert Turner, Sherrie Wilcox

Individuals highlighted as such are resigned members who have not yet been replaced.

**PL 102-321 Council Members Present:** Carol Allenza, T.E. Arthur, Gerald Beemer, Naomi Booker, Sarah Burns, Coordinator; Peter Cohen, Herb Cromwell, Kate Farinholt, R. Terence Farrell, Duane Felix for William Manahan, Vira Froehlinger, A. Scott Gibson, Victor Henderson, Michael Ito, Diane Herr, Julie Jerscheid, George Lipman, Joanne Meekins, Cynthia Petion, Linda Raines, Sarah Rhine, Phoenix Woody

**PL 102-321 Council Members Absent:** Lynn Albizo, Tracee Bryant, Chicquita Crawford, Catherine Drake, Gerri Gray, Cindy Kauffman, Michael Lang, Sharon Lipford, Coordinator; Dan Martin, Jacqueline Powell, Sheryl Sparer, Jane Walker, Kathleen Ward

**MHA Staff Present:** Brian Hepburn, Mary Sheperd, Robin Poponne, Iris Reeves, Carole Frank

**Guests and Others:** Dennis McDowell; Gail Stansberry; John Turner, Dorchester Hospital; Christin Whitaker, DHMH-MFP (Money Follows the Person); Jackie Pettis, ValueOptions

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### **INTRODUCTIONS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Sue Diehl. Attendees introduced themselves with the inclusion of one new agency representative, Dr. Michael Ito, Department of Juvenile Services. The draft minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting were approved. Please note that the approved minutes will be posted on MHA's Web site. [www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/mha](http://www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/mha). The Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene's link is listed under "Resources". Please note this is a redesigned Web site with interactive segments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Kate Farinholt announced and distributed NAMI MD's printed pamphlet, *The Ideal State Mental Health System*. This publication lists ideals for a comprehensive, adequately funded mental health system focused on wellness and recovery. For information or additional copies please call 1-877-878-8691 or for the direct link to the document please visit <http://namimd.org/advocacy/documents/TheIdealStateMentalHealthSystem.pdf>.
- Cynthia Petion announced the Maryland's Stakeholders' Meeting to develop the FY 2013 State Mental Health Plan will be held on April 27, 2012 at Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore City. Representatives from the Joint Council are encouraged to participate. Please hold the date and see Attachment #3.

### **THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

MHA's Clinical Director, Gayle Jordan-Randolph, M.D, provided the Director's Report on behalf of Brian Hepburn, M.D., MHA's Executive Director. Dr. Jordan-Randolph gave an overview of the MHA's FY 2013 proposed budget allowance:

- The MHA Psychiatric facilities' budget has remained relatively flat. DHMH is moving forward with privatizing assisted living unit beds (ALU's) at Spring Grove and Springfield Hospital Centers. As a resource, \$1 million was added to MHA's community budget to assist individuals to access community placement options.
- There are a few increases in the budget allowance:
  - A cost of living adjustment (COLA) of .88% was included for community mental health providers
  - \$1 million was included for a Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)/MHA housing initiative
  - \$500,000 increase in funding has been dedicated for Public Safety to assist individuals in the corrections system to access identification cards upon discharge
  - \$500,000 increase for the Community Forensic Aftercare Outreach Initiative

- The Independent Review / Consultation Report on Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center (CTPHC) has been finalized. Based on findings and recommendations, funding has been allocated for additional staff (92 positions). Dave Helsel, M.D., the new CEO at Perkins, will implement recommendations in the report. The report can be found on the MHA's Web site: <http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/mha/SitePages/Home.aspx> .
- In addition to current duties, Dr. Jordan-Randolph will coordinate the forensic evaluation and service delivery system as Interim Director of Forensic Services for DHMH's division of Behavioral Health.

To enhance future Director Report highlights, Dr. Hepburn encourages members to submit questions on topics of interest to Cynthia Petion at [cpetion@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:cpetion@dhmh.state.md.us) .

**PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON MHA PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES – MARY SHEPERD, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS:**

MHA operates five inpatient psychiatric facilities and two residential treatment centers for children and adolescents. The State psychiatric hospitals are participants, along with the acute general hospitals and the private psychiatric hospitals, in the provision of psychiatric inpatient care in Maryland.

Ms. Sheperd began by informing the group that all MHA facilities are accredited. Current developments in facilities management include:

- Development of Health and Safety Plans to enhance patient and staff safety
- Continued promotion of the Consumer Quality Team (CQT) and the additional focus on patient perception of safety and peer support
- Sharing of best practices between MHA and DDA facilities through safety forums
- Emphasis on data as included in State Stats
- Surveys and in-services completed on Trauma Informed Care for facility staff
- Examination of barriers presented in a residential rehabilitation program (RRP) workgroup

Ms. Sheperd informed the council that MHA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consultant services to provide a report on the future demand for state-operated psychiatric hospital capacity to include maximum use of appropriate community-based alternatives; site locations for a facility based on projected future demand; as well as size configuration of each facility. The Cannon Designs Consultant group was the selected vendor. Arrangements will be made to have Cannon Designs provide updates and recommendations to the Council.

**THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – LEGISLATIVE REVIEW – Updates from Community Behavioral Health Association (CBH), Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD), and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):**

A brief discussion about Mental Hygiene Administration having more cuts proposed for its base budget, not as prevalent among other administrations. CBH and MHAMD provided lists of action on proposed legislation related to mental health. (See Attachment #1.) Some discussion focused on bills to promote:

- Reduction of stigmatizing language around the right to purchase firearms
- Public safety and community re-entry
- Group homes
- Forensic peer specialists
- ADA protection

For further details, please visit CBH's Web site, [www.mdcbh.org](http://www.mdcbh.org) . Additional listings and information are available through NAMI's Web site, [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) (click on advocacy and bills) and through the Mental Health Association of Maryland's Web site, <http://www.mhamd.org> .

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

The Council thanked Jerry Beemer for testifying on behalf of the Council at the House Hearing on MHA's budget in Annapolis on February 13. He gave a summary and was able to emphasize major themes at the hearing. (See Attachment #2.)

The Council carried a motion to write a letter to the Governor to emphasize "no budget reductions" for the Mental Hygiene Administration. The Executive Committee will draft.

The Planning and Executive Committee members will meet after the general meeting to discuss the upcoming State Mental Health Plan development.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Please note, the Agenda for the April 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be posted on the Advisory's Council's web page, under the resources section, on MHA's Web site [www.dhmmh.maryland.gov/mha](http://www.dhmmh.maryland.gov/mha) .**